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Abstract:

Interferometric SAR (InSAR) is increasingly applied to global monitoring and observation problems, including volcanic and seismic hazard monitoring, wide area mapping of topography, and urban planning and other civil applications. In addition to its increasingly important cartographic and geodetic utility, InSAR also provides a sensitive measurement of surface changes at sensitive scales. Wind-blown sand and dust, changes in vegetation cover and content, and the meanderings of rivers and other water bodies can be monitored for changes easily. This talk will present some of the recent applications of InSAR to surface changes that are relevant to environmental monitoring, including, sand movements, vegetation and biomass characterization and monitoring, and flood plain mapping.

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